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DEAR SIR:

Applicant hereby petitions for a one-month extension for a response to the Office Action dated March 1, 2000, a petition pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) and a requisite fee being enclosed.

Responsive to the Office Action dated March 1, 2000,
please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel claims 7 and 15 without prejudice.

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (thrice amended) A communications system

comprising:

Any fee due with this paper, not fully covered by an enclosed check, may be charged on Deposit Acct. No. 08-1634

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